GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3214
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2001
DIVERSION OF RIVERS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States have sent proposals to the Union Government for diversion of rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to clear such proposals;

(d) whether Vansadhara and Subarnarekha rivers in Orissa are changing their courses every year after flood; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) No proposal for diversion of rivers has been received from the States for technical examination in the Central Water Commission.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

(d) The river Vamsadhara has pockets where it swings severely viz., near town Gunupur in Orissa. Otherwise its track is mostly hilly in Orissa and no severe change in its course has been reported. The river Subarnarekha has also meandering course in Orissa.

(e) No scheme on the above two rivers is pending for examination in the Central Water Commission.